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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 11 and 16-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 9, 10 and 12-15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Segev, U.S. Patent No. 5,566,022.

Regarding claim 1, Segev discloses a wireless communication network for communication between first and second rooms separated by a partition, and comprising:

first and second wireless communication apparatuses having radio irradiating surfaces, said partition having a first surface facing said first room and a second surface facing said second room, and said first wireless communication apparatus being installed so that the radio Irradiating surface thereof is adhered to the first surface of said first room, said second wireless communication apparatus being installed so that the radio irradiating surface thereof is adhered to the second surface of said second room and, thus, said first and second wireless communication apparatuses establishing a wireless connection by setting said partition as a radio transmitting medium (col. 4, lines 44-57 see Fig. 2).

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3. Claims 16,18,19,20,22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Knapp, U.S. Patent No. 5,218,356.

Regarding claim 16, Knapp discloses a wireless communication apparatus comprising:

a first physical layer circuit (i.e., reads on transponder 1 out of 2) for transmitting data to a wired communication network (i.e., reads on LAN workstations) (col. 4, lines 51-55); and

a second physical layer circuit (i.e., reads on transponder 2 out of 2) for transmitting data via a wireless connection, wherein a repeater function (via relay sections) is implemented by transmitting data between said first physical layer circuit and said second physical layer circuit (col. 3, line 56 to col. 4, line 55).

Regarding claim 18, Knapp discloses a wireless communication apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising: a frequency filter (i.e., reads on IR filter) for preventing the reception of a signal having the same radio as radio transmitted by said apparatus (col. 3, lines 37-38).

Regarding claim 19, Knapp discloses a wireless communication apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said apparatus has a radio irradiating surface and can be fixed by adhering said radio irradiating surface to a partitioning surface (col. 2, line 67 to col. 3, line 8).

Regarding claim 20, Knapp discloses a wireless communication apparatus, comprising:

a third physical layer circuit (i.e., reads on transponder 1 out of 2) for transmitting data to a wired communication network (i.e., reads on LAN workstations) (col. 4, lines 51-55); and

a fourth physical layer circuit (i.e., reads on transponder 1 out of 2) for transmitting data to a wired communication network (i.e., reads on LAN workstations) (col. 4, lines 51-55); and

a data link layer circuit for processing data inputted by said third physical layer circuit every data frame and outputting it to said fourth physical layer circuit, and processing data inputted by said fourth physical layer circuit every data frame and outputting it to said third physical layer circuit, and said data link layer circuit outputs only data to be outputted to said third or fourth physical layer circuit to implement a bridge function (i.e., reads on radio couplers 30) (col. 4, lines 11-33).

Regarding claim 22, Knapp a wireless communication apparatus according to claim 20, further comprising: a frequency filter (i.e., reads on IR filter) for preventing the reception of a signal having the same radio as radio transmitted by said apparatus (col. 3, lines 37-38).

Regarding claim 23, Knapp discloses a wireless communication apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said apparatus has a radio irradiating surface and can be fixed by adhering said radio irradiating surface to a partitioning surface (col. 2, line 67 to col. 3, line 8).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Segev, in view of Nakamura et al. ("Nakamura"), U.S. Patent No. 3,866,121.

Regarding claim 2, Segev discloses a wireless communication apparatus according to claim 1, but fails to explicitly disclose wherein said first and second wireless communication apparatuses respectively have transmitting antenna and receiving antenna in which, when an irradiating angle or an angle of field of view is equal to 0.degree. and ± 45 .degree. an antenna gain is equal to a predetermined value or more.

In a similar field of endeavor, Nakamura discloses wherein when the angle formed between two repeaters and their antennae accordingly is small the concurrent attenuation occurrence probability is large (see col. 5, lines 27-34), thus reading on irradiating angle or an angle field of view between 0 and ± 45 degrees having antenna gain equal to a predetermined value.

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Segev to include a small field of view angle for the purpose of achieving an optimal antenna gain.

Regarding claim 3, Segev as modified by Nakamura discloses a wireless communication network according to claim 2, wherein said first and second wireless communication apparatuses respectively transmit a radio signal whose carrier frequency is 10 GHz or more, via said wireless connection (see Nakamura, col. 2, lines 27-33).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Segev to include repeaters operating with a frequency of 10GHz or more for the purpose of using a microwave relay system.

6. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Segev and Nakamura, in further view of Macdonald et al. ("Macdonald"), U.S. Patent No. 5,835,128.

Regarding claim 4, Segev as modified by Nakamura discloses a wireless communication network according to claim 3, but fails to explicitly disclose wherein said first and second wireless communication apparatuses respectively transmit a radio signal whose carrier signal ranges 55 GHz to 65 GHz, via said wireless connection.

In a similar field of endeavor, Macdonald discloses wherein said first and second wireless communication apparatuses respectively transmit a radio signal whose carrier signal ranges 55 GHz to 65 GHz, via said wireless connection (col. 6, lines 58-67).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the combination to include the above frequency range for the purpose of including the V-band range for possible incoming television signals or the like.

7. Claims 5, 7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Segev and Nakamura, in further view of Knapp.

Regarding claims 5 and 7, the combination of Segev and Nakamura disclose a wireless communication network according to claim 2. The combination fails to explicitly disclose wherein each of said first and second wireless communication apparatuses comprises: a first physical layer circuit (or a "third" physical layer) for transmitting data to a wired communication network; and a second physical layer circuit (or a "fourth" physical layer) for transmitting data via said wireless connection; and a repeater function is implemented by transmitting data between said first physical layer circuit and said second physical layer circuit or a bridge function.

In a similar field of endeavor, Knapp discloses a first physical layer circuit (i.e., reads on transponder 1 out of 2) for transmitting data to a wired communication network (i.e., reads on LAN workstations) (col. 4, lines 51-55); and a second physical layer circuit (i.e., reads on transponder 2 out of 2) for transmitting data via a wireless connection, wherein a repeater function (via relay sections) is implemented by transmitting data between said first physical layer circuit and said second physical layer circuit (col. 3, line 56 to col. 4, line 55).

Also, Knapp discloses a data link layer circuit for processing data inputted by said third physical layer circuit every data frame and outputting it to said fourth physical layer circuit, and processing data inputted by said fourth physical layer circuit every data

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frame and outputting it to said third physical layer circuit, and said data link layer circuit outputs only data to be outputted to said third or fourth physical layer circuit to implement a bridge function (i.e., reads on radio couplers 30) (col. 4, lines 11-33).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the combination of Segev and Nakamura to include transmitting data to a wired communication network and transmitting data via a wireless communication for the purpose of accommodating an indoor communication network, wherein wireless devices may communicate with computers and the like.

Regarding claim 11, the combination of Segev, Nakamura and Knapp disclose the wireless communication apparatus which is used for the wireless communication network according to 5 and comprising signal intensity display means for displaying an intensity of a signal which is received from said wireless connection (see Knapp, col. 4, lines 51-67).

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the combination to include a display indicating the intensity of the signal for the purpose of allowing operators the knowledge of the effectiveness of the repeater system.

8. Claims 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Segev, Nakamura and Knapp, in further view of Levy, U.S. Patent No. 6,275,886.

Regarding claims 6 and 8, the combination of Segev and Nakamura as modified by Knapp disclose a wireless communication network according to claims 5 and 7,

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respectively, but fails to disclose wherein said wired communication network is a network which conforms to an IEEE1394 standard.

In a similar field of endeavor, Levy discloses a repeater in a IEEE 1394 environment.

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Segev, Nakamura and Knapp to include IEEE 1394 capability for the purpose of utilizing microprocessor based interface arrangements for IEEE 1394 buses.

9. Claims 17 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Knapp, view of Nakamura.

Regarding claims 17 and 21 Knapp discloses the wireless communication apparatus according to claims 16 and 20, but fails to explicitly disclose further comprising: a transmitting antenna; and a receiving antenna, wherein in said transmitting antenna and said receiving antenna, when an irradiating angle or an angle of field of view is equal to 0.degree. and ± 45 .degree., an antenna gain is equal to a predetermined value or more.

In a similar field of endeavor, Nakamura discloses wherein when the angle formed between two repeaters and their antennae accordingly is small the concurrent attenuation occurrence probability is large (see col. 5, lines 27-34), thus reading on irradiating angle or an angle field of view between 0 and ± 45 degrees having antenna gain equal to a predetermined value.

At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Segev to include a small field of view angle for the purpose of achieving a optimal antenna gain.

Allowable Subject Matter

10. Claims 9,10,12-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: prior art fails to disclose the combined limitations wherein one of said first and second wireless communication apparatuses comprises; a first physical layer circuit for transmitting data to a wired communication network; and a second physical layer circuit for transmitting data via said wireless connection, and said first physical layer circuit transmits data to said second physical layer circuit to implement a repeater function, and wherein the other of said first and second wireless communication apparatuses comprises; a third physical layer circuit for transmitting data to a wired communication network, a fourth physical layer circuit for transmitting data via said wireless connection; and a data link layer circuit for processing data inputted by said third physical layer circuit every data frame and outputting it to said fourth physical layer circuit, and processing data inputted by said fourth physical layer circuit every data frame and outputting it to said third physical layer circuit, and said data link layer circuit outputs

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only data to be outputted to said third or fourth physical layer circuit to implement a bridge function.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joy K Contee whose telephone number is 703-308-0149. The examiner can normally be reached on M (alternating), T & Th, 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on 703-305-4379. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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